

OBITUARY

MRS. ROBERT HOLTER.

Mrs. Beth Stitzer Holter, wife of Robert H. Holter, died at her home in Rochester, N. Y., Friday, Jan. 31, 1941. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, William K., her step-father, Mathus E. Miner, Howard and a brother, Harry Stitzer, Lancaster. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at the Hedges Memorial chapel at Rochester, followed by further services at the Howard Methodist church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Rev. Wallace J. Cummings officiated. Burial was made in Schenck's cemetery.

CHESTER M. BERRY.

Chester M. Berry, 73, retired brick worker, died at his home at Lock Haven Friday afternoon, Jan. 31, 1941, after an illness of two weeks. Born Jan. 9, 1868, at Beech Creek, he had resided in that vicinity all his life. He retired 12 years ago. Surviving are his wife, Catherine M., three daughters and a son: Mrs. Harry Hawkins and Mrs. Clarence Shaffer, Lock Haven; Mrs. Hayes Runner, Avis, and Warren Berry, Zanesville, O.; also 23 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Sunday at 2 p. m. at the late residence with Dr. Curvin H. Stein officiating. Burial was made in Flemington cemetery.

MRS. CALVIN E. CREBS.

Mrs. Mary E. Crebs, 81, widow of Calvin E. Crebs, Madisonburg, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raymond Orner, in Mill Hill, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 29, 1941, following a year in bed with a fractured hip which brought about complications. She was born and reared at Tyersville, and married Mr. Crebs at Hubersburg in 1877. Mr. Crebs was a farmer for many years in Nitany and Brush Valley. She was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church at Madisonburg. Survivors include two sons, W. Homer and Winfield B. Crebs, both of Sellersville; two daughters, Mrs. W. R. Phillips, Kent, Ohio, and Mrs. Orner; a brother, D. D. Risher, Tyersville; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orner in Mill Hill with the Rev. Dale Kohn officiating. The body was taken to Rebersburg for interment.

ROY SAMUEL MYERS.

ROY SAMUEL MYERS, State College carpenter and lifelong resident of Centre County, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Maude Eilenberger, on West Fairmount Avenue, State College, at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning, February 1, 1941, after a several months' illness. Mr. Myers was a son of Joseph and Jennie Rider Myers and was born at Gatesburg on November 28, 1889, making his age at time of death 51 years, 2 months, and 3 days. On December 4, 1914, he was united in marriage with Frances I. Rider who survives with a daughter, Mrs. William Gross, of Cincinnati, Ohio, two sisters, Mrs. Eleanor Kingan, of California, and Mrs. Eilenberger, of State College, and two brothers, John of State College, and Earl, of Wadde. Funeral services were held at the Koon Funeral home followed by services at the Gatesburg church, Tuesday afternoon, with Dr. John F. Harkins, of State College, officiating. Interment was made in the Gatesburg cemetery.

MRS. HILDA M. MENCER.

Mrs. Hilda M. Mencer, wife of Chief of Police A. D. Mencer of Tyrone, died Friday morning Jan. 31, 1941, at 2:45 o'clock in the McGirk Sanitarium, Phillipsburg. Mrs. Mencer had not been in good health for several years. Mrs. Mencer was born June 18, 1903 at Port Matilda, R. D. a daughter of Daniel and Emma (Ewing) McMonagall. On September 2, 1922 in the United Brethren parsonage at Tyrone, she was united in marriage with A. D. Mencer. She is survived by her husband, A. D. Mencer, one daughter, Miss Kathleen S. Mencer; one son, Adrian I. Mencer; her mother, Mrs. Emma McMonagall, Port Matilda, R. D.; two brothers and one sister, Samuel C. McMonagall, Leland D. McMonagall, Port Matilda, and Mrs. Grace Robinson, Tyrone. Mrs. Mencer was a member of the United Brethren church of Mount Pleasant. She attended the First Methodist church since her marriage and was a member of the Naomi Ruth Bible class. She was a past counselor of Columbian Council No. 91, Daughters of America, and was a prominent committee woman of the Auxiliary Unit to Howard Gardner Post, American Legion. Funer-

He's Cheated Death Five Times

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steel door crashing against Speicher's head. His skull was fractured, but the worst was still in store.

A few years later, at the yard, a guard rail around the power house had been painted. Speicher touched the rail to see if it was dry. A charge of 2,300 volts went through his body.

That time, a physician pronounced him dead. Two hours later the eyes of the "corpse" were seen to move. His skull had been fractured again, in his fall, and doctors believed some brain cells had been destroyed by the current. But his faculties gradually returned.

Now, retired on government pension, Speicher spends a quiet life building miniature villages and constructing figurines. Says he: "Guess I'll trip over a rock in my garden and break my neck—if I don't die of old age first."

Groundhog Fable—Other Superstitions

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It is said that if you meet a corpse your time will come next. If the corpse is stopped on the way to the grave another member of the family will soon follow.

Kraut must be made in the dark of the moon if it is to be sour. It is considered the height of folly to cut a child's fingernails before it is a year old, for then it will piler and deal. The nails must be broken and bitten off.

Potatoes and all roots must be planted in the dark of the moon, when it is decreasing and going down in size. Likewise, crops that grow above the ground must be planted in the light or increase of the moon.

Hogs must be butchered when the moon is increasing otherwise the meat will shrivel up and fry away in cooking. A family must never move except in the light or increase of the moon. This will insure prosperity and increase of possessions.

If a child is allowed to look into a mirror before it is a year old, teaching will be difficult. If a coffin containing a corpse be placed so that it reflects in a mirror, there will be another death in the family inside of a year.

The tying of a small sack containing the forefeet of a ground mole assures a full set of pretty teeth. If in teething, the child's gums are sore it may be cured by rubbing the gums with rabbit brains hot from the head.

To remove a wart from the body, steal a piece of bacon, rub the wart with it and then bury it under the eaves. Say nothing about this and the wart will soon disappear. A stray black cat in the back yard foretells good luck.

If a woman is making soap and a man stirs it all will be well and soap will be fine; but if a woman comes the soap will be spoiled. If you sing in bed you will cry next day.

If you sing in bed you will cry before night. If you put a cat to stay at home, rub its paw on the stove.

To keep a new dog, measure his tail with a cornstalk and bury the latter under the front step.

If you sleep with your feet toward the door you will soon be carried out a corpse. In setting out fruit trees a woman must hold the tree while a man sets it and tramps the dirt about the roots. This makes it a sure bearer.

To kill a toad will cause the cox to give bloody milk.

Young Democrats To Meet March 8

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hill; Frank Kozicki, Mifflin county; G. Rees Lichtler, Salisbury; Russell M. Lucas, Phillipsburg; William J. McNeil, Altoona; Mrs. Dorothy Murr, Altoona; Richard E. Hartzell, Lock Haven; Clair V. Meyers, Lock Haven; Patrick E. O'Leary, Altoona; Frank Selfert, Johnstown; Harold Snyder, Orbisonia; Ellis Sproll, Wells Tannery; Carl Wilson, Huntingdon.

Despite the best intentions and the exercise of extraordinary intelligence a man sometimes gets mixed up in a bridge game with three women.

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THE WAR IN EUROPE

Germany and Italy have both made serious mistakes in the present war. Hitler, for all his reputation as a planner, plainly overlooked his big opportunity when he failed to order an attack upon Great Britain when France collapsed and the British lay prostrate after the loss of equipment in Dunkirk.

The German army, at the time, was not ready to attack England and the British fleet stood guard. In short, Hitler was as much surprised by the scope of German success in France as the British. In addition, Der Fuehrer, after dancing with joy, was confident that the war was over and believed that the British would negotiate for peace.

Mussolini, it is certain, attacked France in the belief that the war was all but over. He knew that his nation was not prepared for a long war but he, too, miscalculated in respect to what the British would do.

Both Wrong About The U. S.

Both Hitler and Mussolini were satisfied that the United States would not, and could not if it would, play a major role in the war. They misjudged the effect in this country of the past with Tokyo, believing that it would slow down, if it did not stop, the flow of supplies to England. Instead, it convinced our people that the dictator powers planned to attack us as soon as they became free to do so.

The Italian attack upon Greece indicates that Mussolini expected a push-over. Here again he was wrong. The German occupation of Rumania is a cut of the same cloth. It failed to elicit Nazi domination of that area and exerted an unprofitable pressure upon Turkey, which has steadily moved closer to the British.

Now Face a Long War.

Neither Germany nor Italy is able to wage a long war. The internal economy of both nations will eventually collapse under the strain. Despite German boasts about the resources of occupied territory, it will not take long for the Nazi system to consume the fat of the conquered nations.

Italy's internal condition is much worse than Germany's, but the driving power behind the Nazi machine has come from the appropriated strength of its victims. Today in Europe there is little booty to be acquired and Nazi economy proclaims the truth of Hitler's statement that "Germany must export or die."

Great Britain's resistance blocks the consolidation of Germany's conquests because it prevents the exploitation of European resources through a barrier system that would enrich Germany while pauperizing neighbors and customs. The British, assured of unlimited supplies from the United States, are set for a long war if necessary.

Italian Incompetency in Africa. The campaign in Libya continues, with every indication that the British are now more concerned with

the capture or dispersal of the remnants of Graziani's army than they are with the present seizure of cities or territory.

The Italian defense is hard to explain because it is not easy to understand the strategy that deliberately permitted thousands of soldiers to be hopelessly trapped in Bardia and Tobruk, after the surprise offensive of the British overwhelmed the spear-head of the Italian army at Sidi Barrani.

The position of Graziani's army is desperate. Unless reinforced, disaster seems inevitable and with British warships athwart the line of communications to Italy, there seems little prospect of substantial assistance. German airplanes may attempt to slow-up the British drive but it is doubtful if they can do more than delay the coupe de grace.

Nazi Air Assault Mysteries

Neutral experts, including some in the United States, estimate that Germany has 18,000 first-line airplanes, with a reserve of equal size. If this is anything like an accurate figure, it is something of a mystery why the aerial attack upon Great Britain has not been more severe.

It is possible that losses have discouraged any German desire for an all-out combat until the zero hour of actual invasion arrives. American observers of the early day-time raids agree that German losses were at a ratio of about four to one, compared with British losses. When Hitler makes his great gamble to win the war by successfully invading Britain there will be no great chance of success unless his aviators can gain control of the skies in the daytime.

Germany may be conserving planes, pilots and fuel for the big offensive, which must be attempted in 1941 before increasing supplies from the United States reduce the chance of success. Initial Hitlerian strategy indicated a bold effort to succeed where Napoleon failed, but of late, some experts incline to believe that Hitler will launch an offensive in the Balkans before attacking the British Isles.

Our own guess is that the next few months will witness the greatest aerial and naval activity that has ever been seen in and around the British Isles. That side-line feints will precede or accompany the decisive battle may be taken for granted.

Identified By Movie Ticket

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Railroad agents at Williamsport identified her as a woman who boarded a train for Antez Fort January 24. At Antez Fort, the stationmaster said she got off the train and told him she planned to walk to her brother's home nearby.

The investigation failed to disclose the "brother." Antez Fort is about twelve miles north of Williamsport.

—The family's newspaper.

Clearfield Co. Court Sustains Dismissal

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his own behalf, and outlined to the court his duties as principal. He stated that he was an administrator, supervisor, and teacher at the same time.

He pointed out that during the nine months he had made seven visits to each school. He acted on the requests made by the teachers because he had been notified of his dismissal. He told the court he conducted demonstrations in the schools in a drive for better English and he presented a lengthy report to show the time needed to make out reports.

When teachers requested assistance, Mr. Miller stated that he gave them books and material to help them work out their problems. When questioned by Judge Smith, he admitted that he did not attempt to ask the board as the authority invested in Mr. Corby as high school principal.

Answering charges of tardiness, Mr. Miller stated that he had been told by R. L. Lenig, former secretary of the Morris Township School Board, that he did not need to report at the school at 9 o'clock but could feel free to use his time in the way he judged best for the district.

Five township school teachers were called to the witness stand during the morning and afternoon. They were: Miss Hannah Wesesky, Miss Helen Radomsky, Miss Helen Chesga, Raymond Walker, and Miss Ethel McCully.

Testimony indicated that Miller did not assume the responsibilities of his office. That examinations and promotions were left up to the individual teachers. That he gave little supervision and his reports were tardy.

Miss McCully said that the principal did not give her enough time to make out the eighth grade examinations. She said he notified her only two weeks before the close of school, one week before the tests were to be given. Miss Howe testified that her test supplies were not given to her in time and that teachers' meetings were too long and that the principal side-tracked the real issues confronting the teachers.

Mr. Lucas testified that pupils were promoted through grades without having adequate knowledge. He stated he took this up with Miller but that Miller did nothing about it. The situation, Lucas said, existed previous to Miller's time. Mr. Walker presented marks of pupils passed to him who spent two years in the seventh grade and still failed in eighth grade through lack of proper groundwork. He said that Miller knew how to adjust the promotion problem, but that he did not seem to have time due to his many other duties. He said Miller did not spend enough time visiting and supervising the schools.

Other teachers testified that Miller told them to "satisfy your self," "do as you want" in answer to their questions and problems.

With some wives the question of the hour is, "when did you get home last night?"

State College Student Killed In Auto Crash

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along. The car was virtually demolished although the truck suffered little damage.

Hurst, who was graduated from Mechanicsburg High School in 1937, was enrolled in the School of Dairy Husbandry at State College. While in high school he was prominent in athletics, having been captain and center on the basketball team his senior year. He also received varsity letters in football and baseball and was president of the student council. He also held yearbook and class offices.

For the last two Summers he had acted as assistant supervisor of Mechanicsburg's Memorial Park Playground and had been in charge of the tennis courts.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Reba Hunt, wife of Lieut. Benjamin P. Hunt, now stationed with the United States Army in South Carolina, and Miss Mary Jane Hurst, at home.

Hurst and Miss Spahr had been home for the mid-semester vacation.

The youth's father is treasurer of Mechanicsburg School District and has been a director for almost twenty years.



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WILDLIFE FEEDING IS GOOD WINTER ACTIVITY

Winter feeding of wildlife, to be really helpful, should be well planned and should be carried on throughout the winter, says County Agent R. C. Blaney.

Some rural residents already have provided winter feed for game birds and song birds in patches of corn or sorghum near thickets or woodlots. Others have left shocks of corn and small grain within several yards of good woody cover. In other cases, however, feeding stations will have to be constructed for taking care of the needs of game and song birds.

A nation, like a person, must be willing to stand or fall upon vital principles.